SENATE BILL 99 By Ford

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 62, Chapter 5, relative to crematory services.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 62, Chapter 5, Part 5, is amended by adding the following new sections thereto:

Section 62-5-514. No person, partnership, firm, association or corporation shall conduct, maintain, manage or operate a crematory facility unless it is operating under the direct oversight and supervision of a licensed funeral establishment.

Section 62-5-515. Each crematory facility shall have:

- (1) A manager who is a licensed funeral director.
- (2) At least one (1) person who is certified by the board of funeral directors and embalmers to be a crematory facility operator;
- (3) At least one million dollars (\$1,000,000) in liability insurance for claims against the use, operation or practice of the crematory facility; and
- (4) An agreement with a licensed funeral establishment that the crematory facility is under authority, supervision and responsibility of such licensed funeral establishment.

SECTION 2. The board of funeral directors and embalmers are authorized to promulgate rules and regulations pursuant to Title 4, Chapter 5, to implement the provisions of this act, including the establishment of qualifications of crematory facility operators.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect January 1, 2006, the public welfare requiring it.